

PATENT CLAIMS

1. (original) An explosive composition comprising RDX Type I, a polyacrylic elastomer and a plasticizer,
characterised in that the RDX crystals represent a proportion in the range 88-96% by weight of the composition, and that the RDX crystals comprises a portion of coarse crystals with an average crystal size in the range 50 to 250 μm and a portion of finer crystals with average crystal size in the range 2 to 30 μm .
2. (original) An explosive composition comprising RDX Type I and HMX, a polyacrylic elastomer and a plasticizer,
characterised in that the explosive crystals represent a proportion in the range 88-96% by weight of the total composition, that the RDX crystals comprises a portion of coarse crystals with an average crystal size in the range 50 to 250 μm and a portion of finer crystals with average crystal size in the range 2 to 30 μm , and that the HMX crystals represent a proportion in the range from 5 to 20% by weight of the explosive crystals in the composition.
3. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 1 or 2,
characterised in that the explosive crystals represent from 90 to 94% by weight ~~and preferably from 91 to 93% by weight~~ of the composition.
4. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 1 or 2,
characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprises crystals with an average size in the range 60 to 170 μm , ~~preferably in the range 60-90 μm ,~~ and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 5-20 μm , ~~preferably 12-18 μm .~~
5. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 1 or 2,
characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 25 to 75% by weight, ~~preferably from 35 to 65% by weight and more preferably from 44 to 56% by weight.~~
6. (original) An explosive composition according to claim 1 or 2,
characterised in that the polyacrylic elastomer is Hy Temp 4454 or Hy Temp 4054, and that the plasticizer is dioctyl adipate (DOA), dioctyl sebacate (DOS), isodecyl pelargonate (IDP), dioctyl maleate (DOM) or dioctyl phthalate (DOP).

7. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the portion of HMX crystals represents from 5 to 20% by weight, ~~preferably from 5 to 15% by weight and more preferably from 9 to 11% by weight~~ of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.
8. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 2 to 30 μ m, ~~preferably from 5 to 20 μ m and more preferably from 8 to 14 μ m.~~
9. (original) An explosive composition produced in a water-slurry process, characterised in that it comprising 88-96% of a coarse-grained and fine-grained RDX Type I and a binder system consisting of a polyacrylic elastomer and a plasticizer, and where RDX is present in a proportion of relatively coarse-grained and a proportion of fine-grained crystals.
10. (original) An explosive composition produced in a water-slurry process, characterised in that it consists of 88-96% of explosive crystals and a binder system comprising a polyacrylic elastomer and a plasticizer, where the explosive crystals are a mixture of RDX crystals of Type I and HMX crystals, and where RDX is present in a proportion of relatively coarse-grained and a proportion of fine-grained crystals.
11. (original) An explosive composition according to claim 9 or 10, characterised in that the proportion of explosive crystals represents from 90 to 94% by weight and preferably from 91 to 93% by weight of the total composition.
12. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 9 or 10, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprising crystals with an average size in the range 60 to 170 μ m, ~~preferably in the range 60-90 μ m,~~ and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 5-20 μ m, ~~preferably 12-18 μ m.~~
13. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 9 or 10, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 25 to 75% by weight, ~~preferably from 35 to 65% by weight and more preferably from 44 to 56% by weight.~~
14. (original) An explosive composition according to claim 9 or 10, characterised in that the polyacrylic elastomer is Hy Temp 4454 or Hy Temp 4054, and that the

plasticizer is dioctyl adipate (DOA), dioctyl sebacate (DOS), isodecyl pelargonate (IDP), dioctyl maleate (DOM) or dioctyl phthalate (DOP).

15. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 11, characterised in that the proportion of HMX crystals represents from 5 to 20% by weight, ~~preferably from 5 to 15% by weight and more preferably from 9 to 11% by weight~~ of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.

16. (currently amended) An explosive composition according to claim 11, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 2 to 30 μ m, ~~preferably from 5 to 20 μ m and more preferably from 8 to 14 μ m.~~

17. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 3, characterised in that the explosive crystals represent from 91 to 93% by weight of the composition.

18. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 4, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprises crystals with an average size in the range 60-90 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 5-20 μ m.

19. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 4, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprises crystals with an average size in the range 60 to 170 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 12-18 μ m.

20. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 4, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprises crystals with an average size in the range 60-90 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 12-18 μ m.

21. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 5, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 35 to 65% by weight.

22. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 5, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 44 to 56% by weight.
23. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 7, characterised in that the portion of HMX crystals represents from 5 to 15% by weight of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.
24. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 7, characterised in that the portion of HMX crystals represents from 9 to 11% by weight of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.
25. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 5 to 20 μ m.
26. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 8 to 14 μ m.
27. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 12, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprising crystals with an average size in the range 60-90 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 5-20 μ m.
28. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 12, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprising crystals with an average size in the range 60 to 170 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 12-18 μ m.
29. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 12, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals comprising crystals with an average size in the range 60-90 μ m, and that the fine portion of the RDX crystals has an average size in the range 12-18 μ m.
30. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 13, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 35 to 65% by weight.

31. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 13, characterised in that the coarse portion of the RDX crystals represents from 44 to 56% by weight.
32. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 15, characterised in that the proportion of HMX crystals represents from 5 to 15% by weight-of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.
33. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 15, characterised in that the proportion of HMX crystals represents from 9 to 11% by weight of the total quantity of explosive crystals in the composition.
34. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 16, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 5 to 20 μ m.
35. (new) An explosive composition according to claim 16, characterised in that the HMX crystals have an average size in the range from 8 to 14 μ m.